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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 420

INFO AMCONSUL MONTREAL

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 2805

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SOPN, UR

SUBJ: SOVIET LOBBYING IN MONTREAL AGAINST RFE/RL OLYMPIC
ACCREDITATION

REF: STATE 169644

1. ON JULY 9 DCM MET WITH ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY
BISSONNETTE, WHO IS POLICY LEVEL OFFICER IN EXTAF
CHARGED WITH OLYMPIC QUESTIONS. DRAWING ON REFT
DCM OUTLINED OUR CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET OPPOSITION
ACCREDITATION OF RFE/RL AND ASKED IF GOC HAS ANY
OF SOVIET CAMPAIGN.

2. BISSONNETTE WAS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH ISSUE AND
PROVIDED FOLLOWING BACKGROUND. HE HAD RAISED ISS
KILLANIN AT MEETING IN FRANKFURT ON JUNE 30 BUT
NOT SUCCEED IN ELICITING DEFINITIVE IOC POSITION.
IN FACT, IOC HAD ATTEMPTED TO FOIST RESPONSIBILI
COJO (GOC ENTITY FOR MANAGING OLYMPICS) BUT COJ
RFE/RL APPLICATION TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE AND
IOC THAT IS COMPETENCE ENDED THERE. BISSONNETTE
ADDED THAT CANADIAN OLYMPICS COMMITTEE HAS PUBLIC
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SUPPORTED USOC ON ACCREDITATION ISSUE.

3. BISSONNETTE SAID EXTAFH HAS NO EVIDENCE AS
YET OF SOVIET CAMPAIGN TO CHALLENGE ACCRESITATION
BEFORE FULL IOC. HE PROMISED TO LET EMBASSY KNOW IF
ANY SUCH EVIDENCE SURFACES.

4. EMBASSY AND CONGEN MONTREAL ARE IN CLOSE TOUCH
ON THIS SUBJECT AND WILL COORDINATE EFFORTS TO KEEP
DEPARTMENT INFORMED.
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